Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 12 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 13 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 12 Feb 2021 at 04:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold and very windy conditions next few days and transition to less cold weather later in weekend and early next week. Lower confidence on sleet/snow details Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Friday 12 Feb 2021: Dry with sunny/clear periods. Very cold with strong winds on the tops,

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 12 Feb 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	10%	<05%	10%	10%

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Weather: Apart from a few snow flurries over Caithness hills, it will be another dry and bright day with plenty of sunshine, causing glare from lying snow. Also strong winds will lead to some drifting and blowing of the lying snow.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%.

Visibility: Generally good but some blowing snow may result in whiteout conditions.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	41/48 SE	36/46 SE	33/42 SE	28/36 SE	29/38 SE	33/42 SE	36/46 SE
900	36/43 SE	34/43 SE	30/38 SE	25/34 SE	28/37 SE	29/38 SE	31/41 SE
600	23/30 SE	22/31 SE	22/30 SE	18/27 SE	18/28 SE	18/29 SE	19/29 SE
300	5/26 E	5/28 E	5/27 SE	7/24 SE	10/23 E	7/25 SE	8/26 SE
Glen	16/25 E	17/28 E	14/27 E	12/24 SE	13/23 E	13/25 E	14/28 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-8/-20	-8/-19	-7/-18	-7/-17	-8/-18	-8/-19	-10/-21
900	-7/-19	-7/-18	-6/-16	-6/-15	-7/-17	-8/-18	-9/-20
600	-5/-13	-5/-13	-4/-12	-3/-10	-4/-12	-5/-13	-6/-14
300	-5/-8	-3/-6	-1/-4	-1/-4	-3/-8	-3/-7	-4/-9
Glen	-1/-7	-0/-7	2/-3	2/-2	0/-5	-0/-6	-1/-7
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold with strong winds on the tops and temperatures well below freezing.

Forecast for Saturday 13 Feb 2021
Weather: The dry and very cold, windy weather looks set to continue. There will be some hazy sunshine in the morning then clouding over during the afternoon with a few snow flurries possible. Strong winds will continue to cause problems with blowing and drifting snow.

Maximum wind: Strong southeasterly winds, average speeds on higher ridges and summits of 30 to 40mph and gusts 55mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%

Visibility: Mainly good but areas of blowing snow will result in whiteout conditions. Increasing cloud cover will be mostly above the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 8 Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 7 Celsius.
Freezing level: Temperatures below freezing at most levels.

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